

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph beginning on Page 8, line 20 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

In Figs. 1 and 2, the printing area or printing area-like portion is a part 15 of a gravure printing cylinder 4 immediately upstream a doctor blade 5 wiping an excess ink off the printing cylinder 4. As the printing cylinder 4 rotates in a direction as indicated by ~~an arrow~~ arrows (see Fig. 2), the inks supplied to the above-mentioned part 15 by the ink supply members 1a, 1b and 1c, respectively, are brought to a terminal segment of the doctor blade 5 kept in contact with the printing cylinder 4. Excess inks, which have failed to be received in gravure cells of the printing cylinder 4, are stopped by the terminal segment of the doctor blade 5 and accumulated. An amount of each ink accumulated increases if the rate of supply of the ink exceeds the rate of consumption of the ink by the gravure cell, while it decreases if the rate of supply of the ink is less than the rate of consumption of the ink by the gravure cells.